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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Arthur JAMES et al.

Application No.: New U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP04/50031

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For: ENZYME SUBSTRATES, CULTURE MEDIA CONTAINING SAME AND USE THEREOF IN ORDER TO DETECT AMINOPEPTIDASE ACTIVITY AND/OR

DIFFERENTIATE GRAM-POSITIVE BACTERIA FROM GRAM-NEGATIVE

BACTERIA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.